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At LARGE of

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ELIZABETH JEFFREYS, Spinster,

For the MURDER of her late Uncle

Mr. Joseph Jeffreys of *Walthamstow* in *Essex*,

A T T H E

Affizes held at *Chelmsford* for the County of *Essex*,

On *Wednesday, March 11, 1752,*

Before the

Hon. Sir MARTIN WRIGHT, and

Sir MICHAEL FOSTER, Knights,

Two of his Majesty's Justices of the Court of King's Bench.

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To which are added,

The Voluntary Confession of ELIZABETH JEFFREYS,  
since her Conviction; also an Account of her incestuous Living  
with her Uncle, and her Motives for murdering him; likewise  
the WILL of the Deceased JOSEPH JEFFREYS.

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L O N D O N:

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The CONFESSION of *Elizabeth Jeffreys*,  
concerning the Murder of her Uncle,  
*Joseph Jeffreys*.

**I** *Elizabeth Jeffreys*, do freely and voluntarily confess,  
That I first enticed and persuaded *John Swan* and  
*Thomas Matthews* to undertake and perpetrate the  
Murder of my deceased Uncle; which they both con-  
sented to do the first Opportunity: That, on the 3d  
Day of *July*, 1751, myself and *John Swan* (*Matthews*,  
to my Knowledge, not being in the House) agreed to  
kill my said Uncle; and accordingly, after the maid  
was gone to bed, I went into *John Swan's* Room,  
and called him, and we went down together into the  
Kitchen; and, having assisted *Swan* in putting some  
Pewter, and other Things, into a Sack, I said I  
could do no more: and then I went up into my  
Room; and afterwards *Swan* came up, as I believe,  
and went into my Uncle's room, and shot him:  
which done, he came to my door, and rapped. Ac-  
cordingly I went out in my Shift, and *John Swan*  
opened the Street-door and let me out: That done,  
I alarmed the Neighbourhood. And I do solemnly  
declare, that I do not know that any Person was  
concerned in the Murder of my deceased Uncle, but  
myself, and *John Swan*; for that *Matthews* did not  
come to my Uncle's House the Day before, or Night  
in which the Murder was committed, as I know of.

*Elizabeth Jeffreys*.

Taken and acknowledged,  
March 12, 1752.

*Miss Jeffries* has further confessed, That her Uncle  
took her from her Father when she was five Years old;  
and that, when she was Sixteen, her said Uncle de-  
bauched her: That she lived in a continual State of  
Incest with him (having had two Miscarriages by  
him,) till about a Year before his Death, when he  
sought her in favour of another Woman. His re-  
peated Neglects of her, and his threatening to alter  
his Will, which she knew had been made entirely in  
her Favour, were the Motives that induced her to  
perpetrate the Murder; for which she is sentenced  
to die.

The Last Will of Mr. *Joseph Jeffreys*, Uncle to  
*Miss Jeffreys*; extracted from the Registry of  
the Prerogative Court of Canterbury.

**I** N the Name of God, Amen. I *Joseph Jeffreys*, of  
the Parish of *St. Mary-Woolnoth*, *London*, Butcher,  
being in good Health of Body, and of sound and dis-  
posing Mind, Memory and Understanding, Thanks  
be to Almighty God for the same, do make and or-  
dain this my last Will and Testament, in manner  
following: That is to say: In the first Place, I com-  
mit my Soul to God that gave it, and my Body to  
the Earth, to be decently buried, according to the  
Discretion of my Executors herein after named, in

the Church-yard of the Parish-Church of *Waltham-  
stow*, in the County of *Essex*, as near my Wife as  
possible: And as to such worldly Estate wherewith it  
hath pleased God to bless me withal, I give, devise,  
bequeath, and dispose thereof as follows; Item, I  
will that all my just Debts, and funeral Charges be  
paid and satisfied; Item, I give, devise, and bequeath,  
unto my Niece *Elizabeth Jeffreys*, all that my Mes-  
suage, or Tenement, with the Appurtenances there-  
unto belonging, situate and being in *Bucklersbury*,  
held by Lease, of the Dean and Chapter of *St. Paul's*,  
*London*, to hold to her, her Executors, Administrators,  
and Assigns, for the Remainder of the Term of Years  
to come and unexpired. I also give, and bequeath,  
unto my said Niece, *Elizabeth Jeffreys*, the Sum of  
One Thousand Pounds of lawful Money of *Great-  
Britain*. I also give and bequeath unto the said *Eliz-  
abeth Jeffreys*, all my Household Goods, Implements  
of Household, Linen, Woollen, Plate, and China, of  
what Kind or Nature soever, that I shall be possessed  
of at the Time of my Decease; as also my Diamond  
Ring, and my Wife's Gold Watch; Item, I give and  
bequeath the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds unto my  
Nephew *Joseph Jeffreys*, Son of my Brother *Francis  
Jeffreys*, to be paid him at his arriving at the age  
of Thirty Years, and to be laid out for him in Go-  
vernment Securities; Item, I give and bequeath to the  
eldest Son of my late Brother *Thomas Jeffreys*, the  
Sum of Fifty Pounds; and to my Sister *Elizabeth  
Harding*, the Sum of Twenty Pounds: Item, I give  
and bequeath, unto all, and every the Children of the  
said *Elizabeth Harding*, the Sum of Ten Pounds each.  
And my Will is, that all my said Legacies be paid  
within three Months next after my Decease; Item,  
all the rest, Residue and Remainder of my Estate,  
and Estates, whether Real, Copyhold, or Personal,  
of what Nature or Kind soever; and wheresoever  
lying and being, and not herein before disposed of, I  
give, devise, and bequeath the same, and every Part  
thereof, unto my said Niece *Elizabeth Jeffreys*, her  
Heirs, Executors, Administrators and Assigns, for  
ever. And I do hereby make, nominate, constitute  
and appoint, my said Niece *Elizabeth Jeffreys*, sole  
Executrix of this my last Will and Testament, hereby  
revoking, and making void, all former and other  
Will and Wills, by me, at any Time, heretofore  
made. In Witness whereof I have, to two Parts of  
this my last Will and Testament, both of the same  
Date and Tenor, set my Hand and Seal, this 30th  
Day of *October*, in the Year of our Lord, one thousand  
seven hundred and forty-six, and in the twentieth  
Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King *George  
the Second*, over *Great-Britain*, and so forth. The  
Mark of *Joseph Jeffreys*, — signed, sealed, published,  
and declared, by the said *Joseph Jeffreys*, the Testator,  
as and for his last Will and Testament, in the Pre-  
sence of us who have hereunto subscribed our Names  
as Witnesses, in the Presence of the said Testator.

*John Strong*,  
*George Wilsons*,  
*Robert Goodyere*.

Proved at *London*, the sixth Day of *July*, 1751, before the worshipful *Robert Chapman* Doctor of Laws,  
and Surrogate, by the Oath of *Elizabeth Jeffreys*, Spinster, the Niece of the deceased, and sole Ex-  
ecutrix named in the said Will; to whom Administration was granted, being first sworn duly to ad-  
minister.

*July*, 1751.

*William Legard*, }  
*Peter St. Eloy*, } Deputy-Registrars.  
*Henry Stevens*, }





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*John Swan, and Elizabeth Jeffreys, Spinster.*

**O**N Monday Evening, *March 9*, the Honourable Mr. Justice *Wright*, Judge of the Assize, opened the Court, when *John Swan*, and *Elizabeth Jeffreys*, presented their Prayer, to be try'd, bail'd, or acquitted, at this Assize, when his Lordship was pleased to order their Trial to come on the Wednesday following. Accordingly on Wednesday, *March 12*, about Six in the Morning, *John Swan* and *Elizabeth Jeffreys*, Spinster, charged with the Murder of Mr. *Joseph Jeffreys* of *Walthamstow*, committed on the 3d of *July*, 1751, were

brought to the Bar, before the honourable Justice *Wright*, and their Indictment, which was found by the Grand Jury the Day before for the said horrid and barbarous Murder being read to them, they pleaded, Not Guilty, and accordingly put themselves on their Trials for the same. When some Debates arose by the Prisoners Council against trying them on that Indictment, as they had been arraigned and pleaded to another last Assizes for the said Murder; but after some time it was overruled, and they were arraigned on the Indictment found on Tuesday.

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*Brandison Wells,*  
*Andrew Boreham,*  
*James John Chapman,*  
*Daniel Pylot,*  
*Thomas Waters,*  
*Joseph Hall*, challenged by Miss *Jeffreys*.  
*Thomas Seabroke,*

*George Bailey,*  
*George Cope,*  
*Hugh Bantoff,*  
*Patrick Seed,*  
*Thomas Scot,*  
*Charles Green.*

The Council for the Crown then opened the Cause, wherein was fully represented the horrid Nature of Murder, its Inconsistency to all the Notions of

Justice and common Humanity, and the particular Aggravations of that Murder now to be examined into; remarked, that tho' the main Evidence against the Prisoners

ners at the Bar was only circumstantial, yet even that, when laid together, would produce as plain and positive Evidence, almost as full as possibly could be.

That the murdered Person, Mr. *Joseph Jeffreys*, having by Industry in the Discharge of his Business, as a Butcher, acquired a considerable Fortune, chose to leave off Trade and to spend his Life at *Walthamstow*, and enjoy the Fruits of his Labours; his Niece, *Elizabeth Jeffreys*, likewise liv'd with him. *John Swan*, the other Prisoner at the Bar, had been a considerable Time in his Service; the Manner of Life that passed between him and Miss *Jeffreys* was by no Means honourable.

That he would enter on the Circumstances previous to the Murder, those that accompanied it, and those that followed afterwards.

That the young Gentlewoman and the other Prisoner at the Bar, did often converse together in a very improper Manner: That there were great Disorders of Drinking, so as drew on them the Resentment of her Uncle; whereupon he declared to her, If you don't alter this your Course of Life, and leave these Irregularities, I will alter my Will, and will not leave you a Farthing: Which was the chief Thing that induced them to undertake this horrid Design.

That their Minds were extremely divided about the Measures to pursue their horrid Design, and how to accomplish it in the properest Manner; sometimes one Scheme was proposed to effect it, at other Times another, until at last they brought themselves to commit this fatal Deed.

That she thought it a proper Way to keep him out late at Night, that so they might effect their wicked Purposes; or to find him intoxicated at a mid-night Hour, that so they might accomplish their horrid Designs; and that they would be ready to prove this.

And that, in order more effectually to bring it about, they both applied to one *Thomas Matthews*, who then lived as a Servant to the deceased Mr. *Jeffreys*, and whom they thought as the properest Man for performing this Work; that he had been taken into Service by Mr. *Jeffreys* when under Necessity, and that though he stay'd but a few Days in his Service, yet it was long enough to be thought by them a fit Instrument for their Purpose.

That the Prisoner at the Bar, *Elizabeth Jeffreys*, order'd him to go up Stairs in a Room adjoining to the House, in Order to clean some Chairs, and a Chest of Drawers; that he accordingly went there, that she followed him, and after she had been some Time there, she began a Discourse with him, asking him what he would do to get one hundred Pounds? that he being tempted by so great a Sum, asked what she required of him to do, to which she replied, go down to *John Swan* in the Garden, and he will tell you what to do; that according to the Direction of Miss *Elizabeth Jeffreys*, he went down to *Swan*, and told him, his Mistress talk'd of his having a hundred Pounds for somewhat to be done, and he wanted to know what it was; that *Swan* smiled, and would not talk with him in an open Place, but had him up in a private Place of the Garden, and there told him, what the Affair was, that it was to murder the old Gentleman his Master. That *Matthews* to get so large a Sum, seem'd to doubt, and to stand on it, but did not care to engage in the Affair; but that this Gentlewoman came to him, and engaged in Discourse with him, and talk'd with him privately; however, the Affair was not yet determined; that *Matthews* did not continue long in Mr. *Jeffreys* Service, but afterwards there were several Discourses pass'd between *Swan* and *Matthews*, in relation to this Affair; that they went to London together, and was at Mr. *Gall's*, at  
*White*



*White Chappel*, where being in Liquor, *Swan* quarrelled with the People of the House, and challenged to fight the best Man in the House for a Guinea; and that he being discovered to have Pistols about him, alarmed the People of the House; accordingly Mr. *Ball* applied to the Watch, and had both *Swan* and *Matthews* taken into Custody, and that they were committed to the Cage for the Night, and the next Morning being had before Sir *Samuel Gower*, they were by him committed to *Bridewell*, where they were confined for some Hours, but got their Liberty by Miss *Jeffreys* Means; that she went herself and procured their Discharge, and that at a very improper Time, at Four o'Clock in the Morning; she got these Persons released, the owned the Pistols belonged to her, and that she sent them to *London* to be repaired. That *Swan* and *Matthews* being released, they parted Company, but *Swan* ordered *Matthews* to meet him on the Road; accordingly they went to the *Oxford Grey*, and proceeded to the *Buck* at *Walhamstow*.

That *Swan* and he the next *Sunday*, walked into the Forest, and had private Discourse together, and all tended to the same Purpose, and to let him know that Mr. *Gallant* would take Mr. *Jeffreys* out with him, and that would be the only Time to Effect their Purposes. That Miss *Jeffreys* came to them to the same Place, and both of them appointed the Night for accomplishing the Murder.

That the very Night when this Affair happened, *Matthews* attended at the Garden Gate according to the Agreement; this was on the 3d Day of *July* last, and was introduced by *Swan* into the Pantry, and concealed behind some Barrels or Tubs there. That both these Prisoners came there, talked with him, instructed him, and told him when would be the proper Time to make the Attempt,

when the Uncle was gone to Bed and fast asleep.

That there was another Circumstance, Miss *Jeffreys* was very pressing that Night, for her Uncle to go to Bed, was almost angry with him, for what Purpose you may judge. The Uncle being gone to Bed, both the Prisoners at the Bar went out into the Garden, and talked a considerable Time together; after which, *Swan* went immediately to Bed without any Orders of his Master. That afterwards when the Master was gone to Bed, both the Prisoners at the Bar came to *Matthews* where he was concealed, and told him, when would be the proper Time; and between One and Two o'Clock, both came to him, and told him, now was the Time.

That this Man's Heart failed him, and would not let him pursue the Resolution, notwithstanding the Infligation of *Swan*, and such a large Sum of Money offer'd, he said, he did not care to execute such Cruelty.

That on this they called him Villain and Rascal, to undertake a Thing and not go thro' it: *Swan* threatened to shoot him, if he did not do it: That very little Time after this the Pistol went off. That *Matthews* immediately went off, and never was in our Power till, very providentially, we had Intelligence of him, though he was suspected by many in the Neighbourhood.

On this, had it been done by Thieves in the House, it might reasonable be imagined, these Prisoners would immediately have alarmed the Family; and yet it is very surprizing, that tho' these very Prisoners lay on the same Floor with Mr. *Jeffreys*, and very thin Partitions between their Rooms, yet they endeavoured to make it appear, that none of these Persons heard the Report of the Pistol; but they alarmed the House, and made a Discovery, but the Time and the Manner

will appear far from being an Argument of their Innocence ; though the Report of the Pistol was heard by some Persons at a great Distance, yet they pretended they heard nothing of it ; though they did raise a Noise and an Outcry, yet it was three Quarters of an Hour after the Report of the Pistol was heard by Persons in the Neighbourhood : That when they made this Alarm, they talked of Men running down Stairs, saying, Let us fire the House ; and this Outcry was three Quarters of an Hour after the real Time when the Report of the Pistol was heard.

That when the Surgeons were called in, it can be proved, the Murder had been committed long before ; that the Blood had been congealed.

That the Fact was done by a Pistol, and the Deceased was shot near the left Side of his Ear, and there was a Pistol and also a Knife found near the Deceased's Bed ; and it was actually the very Pistol of the Deceased, and the Knife was likewise his own.

That if any Rogue or Foreigner had broke into the House, it is reasonably to be supposed, they would have brought their own Arms with them ; but for them to use Arms that constantly hung up in the Kitchen, is a Point not rationally to be supposed, but it must be done by Persons intimate in the House.

That a Witness, *Sarah Arnold*, will testify she saw *Swan* fit Bullets to the Pistols, and that the Cuttings was observed several Hours on the Hearth, after the Fact was committed.

That this *Thomas Matthews* was inclined to go into a distant Part of the World, and therefore entered himself into the Service of the *East-India* Company, as a Soldier, and was just ready to go abroad, but in the mean Time was seen coming out of the *India* House and an Enquiry being made at the Rendezvous, he was met with there, but for some Time denied

his Name, and said his Name was *Thomas Smith* ; but being afterwards closely asked, he owned his Name was *Matthews*, and that he had been intimate with *John Swan*, and that he said, *Don't be too hard on me, and I will confess the Truth*. That this shewed his Guilt pursued him ; and thus, in this providential Manner, is this Person brought as an Instrument to discover the Truth.

That a Witness will declare, That Mr. *Jeffreys* ordered all the Doors to be fastened when he went to Bed, and that they were all fastened by her when she went to Bed : She likewise will acquaint you, that Miss *Jeffreys* was very pressing for her Uncle to go to Bed that Night ; that the Blood had been a long Time congealed ; that the Bell-rope by his Bed-side was cut or broke, in order to prevent calling for Assistance : These Things were referred to the Consideration of the Jury, it being apprehended there would be no Difficulty in their forming their Verdict, as these Particulars would appear strongly supported by Evidence.

The Council for the Crown farther expatiated on the Case.

That Mr. *Jeffreys* was a kind Master to *John Swan* ; that thereupon there was the greatest Obligation on him, not to be the Contriver of this Villainy. What a Shudder must humane Nature receive, when it recollects there is no Place where Security may be depended upon, but at the same Time Persons are barring their Doors from Thieves without, they are inclosing worse Enemies within : Nay, the nearest Ties of Kindred are no Security. How amazing is it, that in this present polite Age, one single Year affords more Instances of the most unnatural Barbarity than a whole Age has done : How great is our Degeneracy, a flagrant Proof of which is, the Persons now to take their Trials ; that the farther we are departed from the Rudeness and Ignorance of our Ancestors,



Ancestors, we are also departed from their Virtue and Innocence; If these Facts had been the Acts of those Hands best suited to these Purposes, some Villain, the Out-cast of the People, and whose Act it is to do Violence to their fellow Creatures, the Crime would not have appeared so flagrant; but the Honour of humane Nature is here degraded.

That the Evidence that will be produced against the Prisoners at the Bar, is only circumstantial Evidence, yet, that it is so strong, so convincing, as to amount to a Presumption of the Offence; that Presumption that will arise to a Conviction; there will not remain the least Doubt of it. That the unfortunate Person deceased had been in considerable Trade; had acquired an ample Fortune as enabled him to leave off his Business and retire into the Country. The only Thing he wanted to compleat his Happiness was a Child, as a Companion of his Age, a Partaker of his Fortune while living, and an Inheritor of it after his Death. This was easily supplied by his Brother, who had a numerous Family: accordingly he placed his Affection on one of them, the Prisoner at the Bar, his Niece, took her into his House, and behaved in every Respect to her as an indulgent Father, furnished her with all genteel Accommodations in Life, and left her by his Will to the Enjoyment of his whole Fortune; this kind Intention he frequently mentioned, while her Behaviour was regular, as an Inducement to be dutiful, but when she became negligent in her Behaviour, he declared an Intention to alter his Will, if she did not alter her Course.

She had not Patience to wait for the Possession; she was conscious of her own ill Behaviour, and had no Disposition to alter her Course of Life; and she did not want a Person near at hand to encourage her Intentions.

The other Prisoner at the Bar, to whom the Deceased has been so kind a

Master, tho' he was offended with the Familiarity between his Niece and him, and from that Time meditated this Villany, in Conjunction with her, and they soon found a Person for their Purpose, a poor simple Fellow who had been employed by the Goodness of his Master, and was taken by him into his Service for some small Time; this was the Person proposed to execute their Design, and so leave them in the Possession of his Fortune. To this Person they opened their Designs, shewed how easy to escape after the Fact was committed, and strengthened their Arguments with Offers of very great Rewards. This poor Man, for a considerable Time rejected their Persuasions, but as Wickedness, when it is cloathed in rich Attire, is a tempting Object to Poverty and Distress, had at last its Effects to stagger him, tho' not in the End to produce the Effects expected.

The Manner in which it was to be done, conducted into the House, hid in a secret Place, and then to be visited and promised all the Comfort in their Power; but at the Time the Execution was to be performed, the Favours he had received from his Master obliged him to refuse it. No Threats, no Abuses, no Temptations whatever would tempt him to alter his Resolutions. On which, the Prisoner at the Bar said, if that is the Case, he must do it himself, and they went up with a full Intent to do it themselves. He heard the Pistol go off before he went out of the House. If Credit is to be given to the Evidence that is to be produced, there is to be made no more Doubt who committed this Crime, and what Reason can there possibly be to doubt the Veracity of this Evidence. His Poverty can be no Objection when he was to receive so large a Reward for the Fact: For in his Simplicity; for he would have been the proper Person to have engaged in it. When he acknowledges himself a poor Man, he

cause he had first undertaken the Deed? No Man would invent a Story, in order to make himself a Liar. Are the Prisoners at the Bar the less innocent of it, if it stood on the Strength of the one Evidence? would this induce you to acquit him, but when there are a Number of Witnesses, it cannot be doubted; Circumstances to corroborate this Evidence are various and strong.

The Evening before the Fact was committed, he was let into the House by one of the Prisoners at the Bar, and after he was secreted, *Swan* retired, and Miss *Jeffreys* returned to the Company of her Uncle, pressing him to go to Bed; those Intimacies that were observ'd between the Prisoners at the Bar, Appointments made from Time to Time, whispering, consulting together, as if they had some dark Purposes to Design. He was shot by his own Pistol, probably by his own Powder and Ball. It may be objected, that there was no Sign of the Murder on their Persons, no Blood on their Linnen; to which it might be replied, that it was three Quarters of an Hour after the Pistol went off before the Discovery was made, in this Time it was no difficult Thing to remove those Things away. There is one Circumstance will speak exceeding strong, which is that of a Person who had a little more Forecast than the rest, he asked the deceased when he lay expiring, if he knew him, and as a Token, he should hold up his Hand, which he accordingly did, and he asking him if he knew who the Person was who had done this Mischief, if so, he should hold up his Hand, which the poor Man accordingly did. That there were Numbers of these Sort of Evidences, but that it was unnecessary to mention more, only one, which was, that instead of that Agony and Distress that might be supposed every one might express on so melancholy an Occasion, there were less

Sorrow shewn on this Occasion than might be reasonably expected from Persons in those Circumstances, or for Persons who did not meet with so violent a Death. *John Swan* was drunk almost the whole Day afterwards; and as to the Niece, tho' it was her Duty to have all the Comfort necessary for her Uncle, was more careful to secure the Box of Writings, wherein the Will was deposited, and her Uncle was committed to the Care of a Surgeon (according to Information) of but small Experience. In short, there was but little or no Concern shewn on the Occasion.

We shall now proceed to examine the Evidences, in order to prove the Charge against the Prisoners at the Bar.

*Edward Buckle.* Sworn.

Who deposed, that he liv'd at *Walthamstow*, on *July* last, that his House was about thirty Yards distant from Mr. *Jeffreys*; that he remembers the Murder of Mr. *Jeffreys*, on the 3d of *July*, that about half an Hour after Two in the Morning, he heard Miss *Jeffreys* make an Outcry, accordingly I got up and went to the House, and saw Miss *Jeffreys* stand at the Door; I said to her, what do you stand so in this Manner, she had something loose about her Shoulders; I went to the Door, and she cried, *They have killed, they have killed him, I fear.* She said, *Go see after my Uncle, they have killed him, they have killed him, I fear.*

*Prisoner,* Miss *Jeffreys*, I deny it.

*Court.* Madam, you shall be heard at a proper Time.

Where did you see *John Swan*?

*Buckle.* *John Swan*, met me after he had unbolted or unlocked the Door, he was in the Inside, and *Swan* said to me, *Go up and see after my Master, whom I fear some cruel Rogues have killed.* I went up



up Stairs directly and observed Mr. *Jeffreys* Wounds, they were on the left Side of his Head (pointing to the Place) he was not dead. I put my right Hand into his Left, and he squeezing my Hand, said nothing to me.

*Court.* How soon after did you see the Prisoner Miss *Jeffreys* at the Bar?

*Buckle.* Very soon after, crying and lamenting for the Loss of her Uncle. Miss said to me, will you go and lay an Information of my Uncle's unhappy Affair. I said, I would, but 'tis not proper for me to go alone; she said, take a Man with you, cost what it will, take a Man and go and give Information, that by so doing, the Villains who committed this unhappy Affair might be found out.

*Court.* Did she mention the Things lost?

*Buckle.* Mrs. *Martin* mentioned the Things that were lost. I can't mention every Thing in Particular.

*Court.* Did you suspect any particular Persons?

*Buckle.* I said to Miss *Jeffreys*, *If I light of Matthews, I will take him up.* She said, Mr. *Buckle*, *Dont meddle with him for you'll bring me into Trouble, and yourself to in so doing.*

*Court.* When was this Discourse.

*Buckle.* That very Morning of the 3d of July.

*Prisoner Miss Jeffrey's.* Are you positive, look to the Jury, take Care what you say, you are on your Oath.

*Court.* Can you remember what Goods were lost.

*Buckle.* Some Pewter and some Plate, a Silver Cup and a Tankard, and fifteen small Plates.

*Mary Adams,* Sworn.

She deposed, That she knew Mr. *Jeffreys* very well; that she lived near him, about 40 Yards; that she heard no Noise in the Night the Murder was committed, untill she heard the Report of a Gun or Pistol, at about Half an Hour after Two

in the Morning; that she heard the Alarm, or Out-cry, about three Quarter<sup>s</sup> of an Hour after the Pistol or Gun was discharged; that she went to Mr. *Jeffreys*'s House in the Morning, and saw the Deceased, but being in great Surprise, and big with Child, she could not stay in the Room; that she helped on Miss *Jeffreys* Shoes, for Miss said she had hurt her Ancles by getting out of Window; that there were a great many Persons there before her.

*John Swan, Pris.* This Woman lives 10 Yards farther than the other, who did not mention to have heard the Noise of the Pistol.

*Court.* So much the worse, that the Noise was heard so much farther.

*Thomas Matthews.* Sworn.

*Court.* Did you know Mr. *Jeffreys*?

*Matthews.* Yes, my Lord.

*Court.* What was the first Occasion of your knowing him?

*Matthews.* As I was coming over *Epping Forest*, I saw *John Swan* and Mr. *Jeffreys* there on the Road, and after he had enquired where I came from, he took me into his Service, and sent me home with *John Swan*, and I worked with *John Swan* all that Day; I had no Money for my Work, having nothing to support me, I told him I would work for my Bread; I entered on Service in Mr. *Jeffreys*'s House, had no Wages, nor had I agreed for any.

*Court.* How long did you continue with Mr. *Jeffreys*?

*Matthews.* I worked for him nine Days, and lived all the Time at his House.

*Court.* What Family had Mr. *Jeffreys* at the Time you lived with him?

*Matthews.* A Maid and *John Swan*, my Master, and Miss *Jeffreys* and a little Child.

*Court.*

*Court.* Then Miss *Jeffreys* was in the House?

*Matthews.* Yes.

*Court.* What Business did *John Swan* do in the House?

*Matthews.* As a Gardener; and he had no other Man besides him.

*Court.* Where did you go after Mr. *Jeffreys* had discharged you?

*Matthews.* I went to work with Mr. *Hughes*, in *Wood-street* at *Walthamstow*, Mr. *Hughes's* House is about four or five hundred Yards from Mr. *Jeffreys's*. I worked with him two Days in his Service, as a Farmer's Servant, and then I discharged myself from him.

*Court.* While you lived with Mr. *Jeffreys* did not Miss *Jeffreys* desire you to go up Stairs, and wipe down the Chest of Drawers and a few Chairs?

*Matthews.* Yes, my Lord.

*Court.* Was it a Chamber?

*Matthews.* It was a Room adjoining to the House, in the Back-way, a single Room only, and there was a Pair of Stairs leading up to that Room. Accordingly I went up Stairs to wipe down the Chest of Drawers, and the Chairs.

*Court.* When you was in the Room did Miss *Jeffreys* come up into the Room?

*Matthews.* Miss *Jeffreys* came up to me and opened the Chest of Drawers, she came up after me, and I fell to wiping them; she then said to me, What would you do to get a hundred Pounds? I said, I was willing to earn it if in an honest way: She told me I must go to *John Swan*, and he would tell me. I went to *John Swan* as soon as I came down Stairs, which was in about a Quarter of an Hour, he was in the Garden, I told him that Miss *Jeffreys* offered me a hundred Pounds, and he was the Person that was to resolve me what I was to do for it; on this *John* smiled, and called me into a private Place in an Out-house in the Garden, and there he told me, That if I would take on

to knock the old miser his master on the Head, he would give me 700 *l.* Miss *Jeffreys* was in the Yard at the same Time, I looked and saw her, and she came into the Out-house while we were there, and then she entered into other Discourse.

*Court.* Did she hear this Saying about the 700 *l.*?

*Matthews.* She heard it; she heard what Discourse passed between us both. She was close at the Time. She said she was willing, for she had not a Moment's Peace while that Miser was alive. She likewise said to the Gardener, If I would take on me to knock the old Miser on the Head, she would see the Money paid.

*Court.* After this Discourse passed, do you remember or recollect *Jeffreys* or *Swan* had any Discourse with you about this Matter?

*Matthews.* *Swan* had, but Miss *Jeffreys* had not; he spoke to me several Times about it, before I went to live at Mr. *Hughes's*. He shew'd me the Pistols he said he had bought to shoot his Master as he took a walk out in the Evening. Miss *Jeffreys* was not by at any of these Discourses. He talked to me in this manner nine or ten Times, at none of which times Miss *Jeffreys* was present. After I left Mr. *Jeffreys's* Service; I went and worked two Days at Mr. *Hughes's*.

*Court.* While at *Hughes's*, did *Swan* say any thing to you about the murder.

*Matthews.* He never called after me when at *Hughes's*, and never said any thing to me about the murder while at *Hughes's*.

*Court.* Those two Days you were at *Hughes's*, in any of those days did *Swan* not speak any thing to you?

*Matthews.* He spake to me after I had done work, and asked me how I did; how I went on, and to drink some Beer; but no word about the murder; and he would have me to the *King's Head* (meaning the *Duke's Head*) in *Woodstreet* in *Wal-*



*Walhamflow*, the next Public House to Mr. *Jeffreys's*, and told me, if I wanted Liquor he would pay for it ; but not a word about the murder.

*Court.* Did he talk any thing about buying Pistols ?

*Matthews.* No, not at that Time, but after I was discharged from Mr. *Hughes's*, he gave me Half a Guinea to buy a Pair of Pistols.

*Court.* What was you to do with those Pistols ?

*Matthews.* It was to shoot his master as he came home from *Chelsea*.

*Court.* *Swan* had Pistols before, and you was to buy others ?

*Matthews.* But I bought none. I went to *Low-Layton*, at the *Green-man*, there I spent the money ; and the day after I had spent the money, *Swan* overtook me on the road, and we went together to the *Green-man* and *Bell*, in *White-chapel*, one Mr. *Gall*. I cannot tell what day of the month it was, but it was about Six in the Afternoon when we came to *Gall's* house.

*Court.* When you came to *Gall's* house, had you any Liquor ?

*Matthews.* *Swan* overtook me on the road, and was almost drunk, and said unto me, Where are you going to ? I told him, to *London* ; and he gave me Three-pence to buy a Quart of Beer, and called for half a pint of Wine at the *Green-man*, at *Low-Layton*.

*Court.* Was there any thing passed between *Swan* and you, before you came to *Gall's* house ?

*Matthews.* No ; we came to *Gall's* house about Six in the Afternoon, and there we had Beer, and staid till eleven o' Clock at Night ; and *Swan* got up and challenged the best man in the house to fight him for a Guinea ; and I being in liquor, we both stript, and *Swan's* Coat was thrown on the fire, whereby the line-

ing was burnt, which being observed, the Coat was taken up and the Pockets found to be heavy, on which they were search'd, and there they found the Pistols : I saw the Pistols, and Mr. *Gall* took them, and I saw them in Mr. *Gall's* Hands, but did not see him take them out of his Coat-Pockets ; and there being a Watchman in the House, Mr. *Gall* ordered him to call some more Watchmen, and they came in and carried us both to the Cage. *Swan* pulled out of his pocket three Rings, which he said he was going to pawn, in order to get some money for Miss *Jeffreys*. We were detained in the Cage all the Night, and the next morning we were carried before Sir *Samuel Gower*, who after Examination committed us both to *Clerkenwell Bridewell*, where we continued for twenty-four Hours, until Miss *Jeffreys* came and released us. She came to the Justice, and we were carried again before Sir *Samuel Gower*, and then Miss *Jeffreys* was there. I cannot say what passed between Miss *Jeffreys* and the Justice, but the Justice ordered us both to be discharged, and after we were discharged, we went back together to *Gall's* House again.

*Court.* Was any Thing said about the Rings ?

*Matthews.* No, *Swan* parted from me then, and gave me a Shilling, and order'd me to meet him at the *Yorkshire Gray*, between *White Chappel* and *Stratford*, *John Swan*, and Miss *Jeffreys*, and one *Thomas Smith*, went in a Coach, and I walked to the *Yorkshire Gray* after them, and there I found them all three.

*Court.* When you found them there, can you recollect what passed.

*Matthews.* I could not hear what passed, for they were in the Parlour, and *John Swan* came out, and gave me half a Crown, and appointed me to meet him the next Day at the same House.

*Court.* Did you do so ?

*Matthews.* I did, but *Swan* did not  
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come untill Seven in the Evening; Miss *Jeffreys* was not there that Day.

*Court.* What followed.

*Matthews.* *Smith* was to go to make up Matters at Home, that *Swan* might come home again to his Master. *Tom Smith* said, he did not know the Way, and *Swan* said, I was to shew him. I did not hear the Words that passed between *Swan* and *Smith*; but I shew'd *Tom Smith* the Way, and afterwards *Smith* and I went back again, *Smith* told me, Miss had made up Matters with her Uncle, and when we came back to *Swan*, which was the very same Afternoon, and he told me, to meet him again upon *Epping Forrest*, *Sunday* at Two o'Clock in the Afternoon. I saw him on the *Sunday*, and we had Talk together, and I was to come at Six o'Clock to the *Buck* that very Day, on the *Sunday*. *Swan* came to the *Buck*, and we was at the *Buck* together, but not a Word passed of the Murder there; we stayed about an Hour together, and then *Swan* went Home, and I went to *Low Layton*; I saw him about Two o'Clock on *Monday* afterwards, when we continued together about two or three Hours.

*Court.* Was any Thing said of a Time, or a proper Time.

*Matthews.* I can't remember, but from thence I went to *Epping*, and stayed there four Days, which is about twelve Miles distant, and then I came back to *Walthamstow*, which was on the *Saturday*; and the first Time I saw *Swan* again, was on the *Monday* following, and that was at the *Buck*, about Six in the Morning, and then he told me, to meet him the next Day at a Public House by *Walthamstow Church*; about Three o'Clock in the Afternoon; accordingly I went there the next Day *Tuesday*, at the Time appointed, and was there before *Swan* came, and when he came Miss *Jeffrey's* came there also, and no Body else, there we talked all three together.

*Court.* Tell what passed.

*Matthews.* They order'd me, that I must come the *Tuesday* following to the Back of Mr. *Jeffreys* Garden, at Ten o'Clock at Night, and *John Swan* was to meet me there, and said, he would give me some Money, and that he would leave the Garden-door open; when I came to the Garden, the Door was not open, nor did I see *Swan*, but waited two Hours before I saw *Swan*, who came to me about Twelve o'Clock; I did not stay long in the Garden. *John Swan* told me, he would give me some Money to knock the old Miser his Master on the Head, there was no Person then there besides. I was to go into the Pantry, and I got into the Pantry, and *John Swan* brought me some Victuals, and I stayed behind a Tub until *John Swan* and Miss *Jeffreys* came; *Swan* came to me first, and then Miss; I saw them, and Miss *Jeffreys* said, now is the Time to knock your Master on the Head; and I said, I can't find in my Heart to do it; Miss *Jeffreys* said, Damn you, you Villain do it.

*Prisoner, Miss Jeffreys. Matthews,* look to the Jury, consider what you say.

*Matthews.* *Swan* then clapped his Hand into his Pocket, and drew out a Book to put me to my Oath, and I put my Hand on the Book, and took my Oath never to blow it, and then *Swan* said, the Pistols were loaded, one with Slugs, the other with Ball.

*Court.* What was they both to do.

*Matthews.* To shoot Misses Uncle, and *Swan* said, G—d D—n your Blood, I have a great Mind to shoot you, and to blow your Brains out, because you will not perform according to your Promise, and I told him, I could not find in my Heart to do it. They parted directly from me, and went both up Stairs, and left me below still in the Pantry, and in about half an Hour after, they were gone from



from me, I heard a Pistol go off, I heard no more, nor saw no Body afterwards: I went away directly, through *Walthamstow*, and made away for the Ferry for *Endfield Chace* and for *London*, and went down into *Kent*, and staid all the Harvesting.

*Court.* Can you recollect yourself, did you make them any Promise for such an Undertaking?

*Matthews.* I made them the Promise when going to *London*.

*Court.* When was the last Time of making the Promise; was there any Thing of that Kind passed at the *Buck*, or the Alehouse by *Walthamstow* Church.

*Matthews.* Yes, at the *Buck*; but at the Alehouse near *Walthamstow* Church, I can't say there was; *John Swan* spoke to me, and said, Damn you, what do you get drunk for; and I said, it was with none of your Money. I was drunk at the same Time.

*Court.* Did *John Swan* never say any Words to you, if you did not do it he must do it himself?

*Matthews.* He told me, that if I would not do it, by God he must, for Miss *Jeffreys* is big with Child by him, and if the old miser should know it, they should be both banished the House.

*Court.* When they found that you refused this Matter, did they say what was to be done?

*Matthews.* They did not tell me any Word about it, they did not say who should do it.

After my Return back from *Kent* to *London*, I endeavoured to go to the *East-Indies*, I went to the *India* House, and intended to go, but was not shipp'd. *Gall* came to me at a House where I was, and I told him my Name was *Smith*. I did not know Mr. *Gall* at first. He said to me, You are the man I want to speak with, you must go along with me. And I went along with him; and by the way *Gall*

said to me, Is not your Name *Thomas Matthews*? And I said yes.

*Court.* What Discourse passed at the Alehouse near *Walthamstow* Church, and how long was this meeting before Mr. *Jeffreys* was killed?

*Matthews.* About a Week before, when *Swan* and *Jeffreys* met me both by Appointment, and *Swan* said, It was a Thing must be done.

*Court.* You say *John Swan* brought you Victuals, pray what Victuals was it?

*Matthews.* Beef, boiled.

*Being cross examined.*

He was asked, where his place of Residence was before? The Deponent *Matthews* said, He was a *New England* man born, and had 3 Guineas for the Run to *Hull*, where he stay'd till all his money was spent. That when he went up to clean the Chest of Drawers and the Chairs, was the first time he ever spoke to Miss *Jeffreys*, That the Room was adjoining to the House; and that she sent him down to *John Swan*, and that he found *John Swan* in the Garden. That he was had twice before Sir *Samuel Gower*, and passed under several Examinations, he can't tell how many, and gave the same Account, as near as he could remember. That Sir *Samuel's* Clerk took a Copy of the Examination. He was then asked, Whether on those Examinations, he did not say he was put into the Hoghead, and fed through the Bung-hole? To which he replied, He never said any such Thing, nor gave any such Account. He said he gave an Account, that he was under a Hoghead; but having been before confined in a dark Dungeon for nine Weeks; and that when a Man had been in that Condition, he might not be so ready in giving in his Account. He said he never was confined in the Cellar, but in the Pantry. That *John Swan* came to him about Twelve o'Clock, and said,

If I would not do the Thing, the Jobb must be done. That he thought it was best to make off, when he heard the Pistol go off. Being asked, whether it was a Brace of Pistols he saw, or double Barrels; he said, single Barrels: And after *John Swan* had brought them, he carried them both away; that he did not see them loaded. Being asked what year, month, or day it was, he said he could not tell. Being told that he varied so much in his Examinations before the Justices, that they refused to take his Examinations; that he said he had been a Voyage to *Virginia*, and cast away on the Capes of *Virginia*, and out of the Kingdom at the Time *Mr. Jeffreys* was murdered. He said, he was examined so often, that he can't remember; that he had given in what he had to say, and had no more to answer.

*Thomas Forbes*, Surgeon. Sworn.

*Court.* *Mr. Forbes*, what Time was you alarmed, and by whom?

*Forbes.* Between Three and Four o'Clock, Wednesday Morning, I was alarmed by *John Swan*, who was on Horseback, who told me, That I must make as much Haste as possibly I could, for a sad Accident had happened to *Mr. Jeffreys*: He did not tell what, or by whom. I got there in about three Quarters of an Hour. When I came up into the Room, I observed *Mr. Jeffreys's* Wounds, and the Blood was about the Room; I examined the Wounds, and found two Wounds, one by a Pistol, and one with a Knife; that with the Pistol was in the left side of his Face, another Wound in the Ear, with a Stab about four Inches deep; and I took that to be mortal. There was a Knife on the Floor with a sharp point. *Swan* had a clean shirt on that morning.

*Sarah Arnold.* Sworn.

She deposed, That she was servant to *Mr. Jeffreys*, lived there about four Years, that *John Swan* lived there at the same Time, perhaps about two Years; that the Capacity he was in there, was to do every Thing his Master set him about; and she believes *John Swan* was in the House when the murder was committed.

*Court.* Who was with your master the Day before the murder was committed?

*Arnold.* *Dr. Clifton* and his Wife, *Mrs. Martin* and her two Children; who dined there the Day before the murder was committed.

*Court.* Did they continue there all the Afternoon?

*Arnold.* They went out in the Afternoon to drink Tea at the *Royal Oak*, and came back at Eleven o'Clock at Night, with all the Company.

*Court.* When they went out, did they give you any Orders about taking care of the Doors.

*Arnold.* Yes, and I went to fasten the outer Door before they came home, and the Door in the Garden; I barr'd them and fasten'd all the outer Doors of the Garden to the Field, and all the Gates I fasten'd that were in the Garden. And the Company returned about supper Time. *Dr. Clifton* and *Mrs. Clifton* went home. Only *Mrs. Martin* and the Children stayed supper. *John Swan* waited on them. I put the Child to Bed. Of the provision in the House, boiled Beef, was one Dish.

*Court.* Do you remember *Miss Jeffreys* being out of the House with *John Swan*?

*Arnold.* They went out for a Quarter of an Hour, out of the Garden Door facing the Kitchen; and this was between Eleven and Twelve. *Mrs. Martin* was there at that Time. I saw them come in again. They came in separate; *John Swan* came in first, and went to Bed directly.



rectly. This was about a Quarter of an Hour after they went out. It was usual for him, if he went to Bed before his master, to ask his Leave, but that Night he went without his usual Leave. Afterwards Miss *Jeffreys* came in, in a very little Time.

*Court.* Was she particularly pressing to her uncle to go to bed, or the Company to go away?

*Arnold.* Yes; more than usual; and the Reason she gave was, that he was in liquor and might be disorder'd in the morning: He was not quite drunk, but pretty much in liquor, very far on.

*Court.* Did she press him in any manner as to be very particular?

*Arnold.* I did not take any notice of it then, but reflected on it afterwards.

*Court.* Did she press Mrs. *Martin* to go away?

*Arnold.* Yes; and she went away about Twelve; and about half an Hour after, my master, Miss, and I, went up stairs all together; and before I went up stairs, I fastened all the doors and windows, the back door as well as the rest, and I heard no more until the Alarm was given in the morning. I did not lie on the same floor with my master, but in the upper part of the House. Mr. *Jeffreys* and Miss lay on the same floor, there was but a very thin partition between them; *John Swan* lay on the same floor farther off. There was a door on my Staircase which I likewise locked. I heard nothing of the pistol's going off. *John* called me to come down, for he was afraid there were thieves in the house; it was day-light when he called me; it was on the 3d of *July*. As soon as I came down I enquired where my master was. *John Swan* said, he believed he was dead or murdered. I ran directly into my master's room, and found him lying on his back, his legs drawn up, rattling in his throat. I put my hand on his wounds, and found the

blood quite congealed; I saw a knife in the room by the bed-side; it was my master's knife; it was called his working knife; it lay the day before upon the bench at the Garden-door, going out of the Kitchen; she particularly knew it lay there then, because she had then given meat to the Cats, and used that knife to cut it out for them. The knife was not bloody, I could not perceive any Sign of blood upon it. Some time of the day I saw the pistol, the pieces of the pistol were pulled out from the bed under my master, it looked like a pistol that had been burst, and there were some pieces of the iron-work; the pieces of the pistol lay together, and being joined looked like the pieces of a pistol that had been burst.

*Court.* Did you observe the Bell-rope?

*Arnold.* Yes, my Lord; it looked as if it was either cut or broke off; which, I don't know.

*Court.* Did you see any Wound in his hand?

*Arnold.* Yes; some part of his Left-hand was wounded; it looked as if done with a Knife. After I came out of my master's Room, I went to the door of Miss's Room, and tried to open it, and found her door locked.

*Court.* Was it usual for her to have her door locked?

*Arnold.* Yes, my Lord, it was usual for it to be locked. I then went up stairs into my own Room, and looked out of my window, and called out aloud that my master's Throat was cut from Ear to Ear, and I saw Miss *Jeffreys* in the Yard with something loose over her Shoulders.

*Court.* Did she get out of the Window?

*Arnold.* I don't know that.

*Court.* Was there any of the Neighbours got about the house?

*Arnold.* Yes, a great many stood round, none were got into the house at that time.

time. When I came down, I found the back door open that goes into the Yard, but I did not observe that the house was broke open. It was usual for my master's pistols to hang in the Kitchen over the Fire-place.

*Court.* Did your master keep any Powder or Ball in the house?

*Arnold.* Yes, my Lord, in a drawer in the Kitchen.

*Court.* Did you observe, after this, that those Pistols were in their Places?

*Arnold.* After I came down, some time in the morning, I saw one of the Pistols was gone; *John Swan* observed it and said, *one of my master's Pistols is gone.*

*Court.* Did you observe the Powder and Ball was gone?

*Arnold.* No, my Lord, I did not observe that, for the Drawer used to be lock'd.

*Court.* Was the Key in the usual place?

*Arnold.* I did not observe the Key of Powder and Ball was remov'd. I observed some Chips of the Bullets lay about the Kitchen floor.

*Court.* Did you observe any Differences between your master and Miss *Jeffreys*?

*Arnold.* My master did not like she should be seen so much conversing with *John Swan*, because People took notice of it; and he used to be angry with her sometimes, because she would not come into such methods as he would have her, and was displeased with her manner of Life, and threatened he would turn her out of doors. I heard him tell Mrs. *Martin*, that he would alter his Will, and Miss *Jeffreys* was in the Hall when he said it, and he said he would settle it on *Joe Martin*. I have before often heard my master say, all I have in the world is her's. When my master threatened her, she seem'd to be very uneasy, but I did not hear her make any Answer to her Uncle.

*Court.* Did you know where your master's Will used to be kept?

*Arnold.* Yes, my Lord; in a little box, on an iron Chest, by his bed-side, and that box was gone that morning.

Anthony Gallant, *sworn.*

*Court.* Did you know Mr. *Jeffreys*?

*Gallant.* Yes, my Lord; I was well acquainted with him; he was a good Friend of mine.

*Court.* Was there any Application made to you by Miss *Jeffreys*, to take her Uncle out.

*Gallant.* The Week before Mr. *Jeffreys* was murder'd, *John Swan* came to my Shop, and told me, Miss *Jeffreys* wanted to speak with me, and that I must go to the Garden-gate, and she would come to me; accordingly I went, and in a little Time she came to me, it was on a *Tuesday* the 25th of *June*, and desired me to make a Tate for a Lady of her Acquaintance, and after she waved that Discourse, and desired me to take her Uncle some Day out with me to *Buckets-Hill*, (which is about four Miles distant) and keep him out until it was pretty late at Night, and make him pretty much in Liquor, and if I spent Half a Crown or Crown, she would give me the money, and something for myself. I answered her, My Business would not permit me at that Time; to which she replied, Dear *Gallant*, do if possible, do it this Week, if it can't be done this Week, it must be done next; I shall soon have Money, and if you want two or three Guineas, I will lend it you, and not hurry you for the Payment of it. She told me, she wanted to be out all Night, and when her Uncle was in Liquor, he did not use to enquire after her. I asked her, how we must order it with *Sarah* (meaning the Maid Servant) she said, she would bring her



her over. The *Tuesday* following, the Accident happened, my Man was at her House, and she sent Word by him, that she wanted to speak with me; I went over, and she bid me ask her Uncle to go out that Day, which was the Day before his Death; I did ask him, but he gave me no positive Answer, and so we did not go out, it was about Noon when I was there; I had been out several Times with Mr. *Jeffreys*, particularly the 24th of *June*, we went to *Chelsea*, and came home at Two o'Clock in the Morning.

*Court.* Had you any Conversation with *John Swan* after the Murder was committed.

*Gallant.* I asked *John* where that Villain *Matthew* was, for my Heart gives me, he was concerned in it, and *Swan* answered, he was as innocent as a Lamb, and Miss *Jeffreys* throw'd herself into a Chair, and cried out, *Oh! I shall die a worse Death than my Uncle did.*

*Court.* Did you observe any improper Behaviour between *Swan* and Miss *Jeffreys*.

*Gallant.* Upon my Word, I never did.

Upon being cross examined, the Deponent said, That the Summer before he had received eight Shillings to get her Uncle to go with him, in order to pay the Reckoning, and never more but that once.

*James Thornton.* Sworn.

*Court.* Mr. *Thornton*, did you see Mr. *Jeffreys* after he was murder'd.

*Thornton.* Yes, my Lord, about Three o'Clock, I found he had lost a great deal of Blood, the Blood had ran thro' the Bed, and as far as I can judge, I think the Wounds must have been received about an Hour. All the Blood was lost out of that small Artery which the Knife had parted; the Blood was cold; I did not hear the Alarm, for I live about a

Furlong distant; a working Man came for me, I don't know whither he was ordered by any Person or no; and I went thither as soon as possible, in seven or eight Minutes.

*Court.* Had you any Conversation with Miss *Jeffreys* that morning.

*Thornton.* I enquired of her how she came to be alarmed now, and not when it was done, she told me, she was asleep, and dreamed of Fire, which awakened her, and she heard four Fellows run down Stairs, cursing and swearing, saying, now we have done all the Mischief we can, let us set the House on Fire, with that she jumped out of Bed, and in the Fright, she jumped out of the Window; that after she leaped out, she cried, Fire, Fire, three Times, and then said she, our Fellow came down Stairs in his Shirt, and opened the Door; Miss *Jeffreys* also ask'd me, did you ever see a Person in such a Case as this recover? and I told her, I could not tell how to make a parallel Case, because the Balls were in his Head; that I remember'd a Man some Time ago, who was struck with a Horse, and by the Concussion in his Head, lay five Days and Nights without speaking and yet recovered; and this was the Case with Mr. *Jeffreys*; I judg'd the Wounds to be mortal

*William Scowley.* Sworn.

*Scowley.* I live at *Walthamstow*, and Miss *Jeffreys* came to my Father's House at Four o'Clock in the morning, for to hire a Coach for the Day, and my Father sent me down to drive her, she seem'd to be in a Hurry, there was no Body with her, I carried her, and set her down by *White Chappel Church*, and then I went to the three Nuns in *White Chappel*, and was ordered to go to Sir *Samuel Gower's* about One o'Clock; I  
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went there, and took her up and carried her into *Lombard street*, at the Corner of *Abchurch Lane*, and waited for her, from thence I went to the Green Man in *White Chappel*, and waited two Hours or more for her; then I took her up, and carried her to *Woodstreet*, in *Walthamstow*; upon the Road she stopp'd the Coach, and took *John Swan* and another man into the Coach, I did not know who the other man was, and she left *Swan* and the other man on the Road about 100 Yards from her own House.

*John Gall.* Sworn.

*Gall.* I keep the Green Man and Bell in *White Chappel*, and do know *John Swan*, and *Matthews* also; about the 19th of *June 1751*, they came to my House.

*Court.* What Behaviour did you observe from them.

*Gall.* When they came in they went into the Back Kitchen, I ask'd *Swan* how he did, and *Swan* ask'd if we should not drink together, and so we had a Pint of Bumbo together; then they went into the Tap-room, and quarrelling with some of my Customers, I said to this *Matthews*, what ragged Rascal are you, I suffer no quarrellsome Company in my House, and I ask'd *Swan* how he came to bring that ragged Rascal to make a Riot, and *Swan* said, he belonged to him; I then went to turn him out of Doors; *Swan* said, if you use my Friend ill, he would thrash me, then he pull'd off his Coat to fight me; and hung it on the Kitchen Bars, the Fire being out, but the Bars being hot set the Lining of the Coat on fire; I then took up the Coat, and finding it heavy, I examined it, and found a Brace of Pistols in the Pockets, one in each Pocket; when I found the Pistols, I said, I believe you are turned Rogue, for you carry fire Arms

in your Pockets, and as I was determined to see, I sent a Watchman that was in my House for three or four more, and we took hold of *Swan* and *Matthews*, and carried them over to the Watch-house, and I locked them up in the Bail-dock; *Swan* said, I hope you won't lock me up, as we are Friends. I said, I would lock you up if you was my own Brother; while they were in the Watch-house, they found a Pair of Ear-rings in a Shagreen Case.

Next morning I carried them before *Mr. Samuel Gower*, where they were examined, who committed them both to *Bridewell*. I knowing *Swan's* master, said I would go and see whether he was servant to *Mr. Jeffreys* or not. I went accordingly to *Walthamstow*, to *Swan's* Washerwoman, and the Washerwoman went to *Mr. Jeffreys*, and sent *Miss Jeffreys* down to me. When *Miss* came down, she told me, the Ear-rings were hers, and she had sent them to a Workman; and the Reason he had the pistols was, he had been a Journey; and that her Ear-rings had been left as a pledge for a Debt she owed, which she was not willing should come to her Uncle's Ears. I told her they were in Custody, and if she did not come, they would be sent to *Bridewell* that Night, on suspicion of being out on the Highway; she said she would come that night or the next morning.

The next Day she came to my House, by six o'Clock in the morning, in a coach; and she went into the room where my Wife lay, and put off somewhat women wear, and had a glass of Rum or Brandy, I can't say which, and they went down to *Mr. Samuel Gower*, and called there, and he was not up, so waited in the office, until an order could be had to fetch the prisoners to be examined; they were examined before justice *Gower*, and carried to the *Angel* in *White Chappel*, and they were discharged, both *Swan* and *Matthews*



*Matthews.* Then it was said, that a Gentleman was going a journey, and had sent the pistols by *Swan* to get cleaned.

Some considerable time after this, a friend came to me, as I was getting up in the morning, and told me he had been at *Leadenhall*, and had seen *Matthews*, and had heard that that fellow was going a soldier to the *East Indies*. Accordingly I had a warrant from *Mr Samuel Gower*, and enquired at the *India House*, and having some intelligence, I went to a House called the *Recruiting Officer*, in *Rosemary-lane*, and saw *Matthews* there. I said, do you know me, young man, he said no. I said, what is your name? my name, said he, is *Thomas Smith*. I asked him if he knew *John Swan*? he said no. And then I took him away. After being in custody some time, he confessed his name was *Matthews*, and that he knew who did the murder, tho' he did not do it himself; but mentioned nothing of the money. He said he had been cast away on the *Capes of Virginia*; there he repeated the evidence he had given before, of *Miss Jeffreys* taking him up into a room, and cleaning the drawers; and all this was the very day I took him, as also *Swan's* promising to give him 700 l.

*Being cross examined,* Whether he was not ordered by *Mr Samuel Gower*, to make some examination as to the ship? He said, he remembered he was desired to do it by one of the Clerks, and that he accordingly did make an enquiry, and found it to be all a lie.

*Thomas Smith.* Sworn.

*Court.* Do you remember any thing of *Miss Jeffreys* and *Swan*, at the *White-Horse, Stratford*, on the 21st of *June* last?

*Smith.* We went to the house of *John Gall*, at the *Green Man and Bell* in *White Chappel*, and *Swan* ordered me to go to a gardeners, and buy some flowers; and afterwards *Swan* and I went to *White Chappel* turnpike, *Miss Jeffreys* overtook

us in a coach, and then took us both into it, and put in at the *White Horse* at *Stratford*, and went in directly at the back door. I think either *Swan* or *Miss Jeffreys* ordered them to go in at the back door; either of which he don't know. When we came there we saw *Matthews* sitting at the fore door, and he joined company with me. *Swan*, *Miss*, I, and the Gentlewoman of the house, went in and drank some Wine; *Matthews* still sat at the door, and *Swan* went out of the room to the door, and spoke to *Matthews*. We stayed there about an hour.

*Court.* What became of her?

*Smith.* She desired him to take care of *John Swan*, that he might not get into any Quarrel or Broil; and after that she took coach and went home, and *Swan* and I went to *London*. The next day *Swan* and I set out for *Walthamstow*, and at *Bow-Bridge* we met *Matthews*, and all three went to the *Marsh-gate Alehouse* and sat down on a Bench in the Garden, and drank a Pint of Beer, and asked *Matthews* to drink, and he refused at first; after that we had a Quarter of Rum, a little bason, some water and sugar, and all three were in company together. *Matthews* and *Swan* whispered together, and then both went a little way into the garden. I imagined he came with a message for *John Swan*. While the Woman was giving Change, *Swan* and *Matthews* went in order to confer together. We staid there about half an hour; *Swan* and I went away together. We met again at the *Green-man* at *Walthamstow*; *Swan* then called for a Pint of Beer, and desired *Matthews* to go with me to *Miss Jeffreys*, and let her know *Swan* was there waiting to know how Things went at home, and *Matthews* was to shew me the way, which he did, and then bid me stay on the stile at the end of the Garden, and *Miss* would come to me. *Miss* accordingly came to me, and told me she had sent

sent a man with a Letter to *London*, for *Swan* to come down, for every thing was made easy. We then went to the *Green-man* and delivered the message, and *Swan* then gave *Matthews* a Shilling and bid him go to the *Green man* at *Layton-stone*, and *Swan* and I went to the *Duke's-head* at *Walthamstow*; and the man who had been with the message came to let him know he had been with the message. I saw *Swan* and *Miss* afterwards at the *Three Nuns* in *White chapel*.

*Ann Wright, sworn.*

*Court.* Mrs. *Wright*, you keep the *Yorkshire Gray* at *Stratford*: Do you remember *Miss Jeffreys* and any other Person coming to your house about *June* last?

*Wright.* I can't remember the month nor day; but *Miss Jeffreys* and *John Swan* came to my house in a Coach, and staid two or three hours. *Miss Jeffreys* said she had been fetching *John Swan* out of Confinement. After this, she cried, and said she believ'd she was damned. The morning the murder was committed, *John Swan* came to my house, and said, a bad Accident had happened, his master was murdered, and desired I would get him a Horse or a Coach, and he went to Town. He said his master was shot with his own Gun, and robbed of a few trifles, a Cup, and the like. And when he came back, he said, his master was shot with his own Pistol that used to hang up in his own Kitchen.

*Court.* How came he to say that?

*Wright.* Please you, my Lord, I don't know.

*Court.* Was he in liquor, or not?

*Wright.* He seemed very sleepy, and in my opinion he had been a drinking.

*John Mills Sworn.*

*Mills.* *John Swan* came to my House the Morning the Murder was committed; and said he was going to *Chelsea* to a Gentleman's Clerk, and call'd for a Gill of

Rum and asked me, if I had heard of the murder of a Gentleman of *Walthamstow*; I told him I had heard a Gentleman was shot in his bed by housebreakers. A Man standing by told him, he heard that *Miss* jump'd out of the Window. *Swan* made answer, it was his niece. When he came back, the coach stopped to water their horses at my Door, and I saw him; he seem'd much in liquor, but did not see him stir or speak, all the time in the coach,

*Samuel Adams Sworn.*

*Court.* Did you hear any thing of the alarm at my *Jeffreys's* house the night he was murdered?

*Adams.* Yes, my lord, and I went there and heard *Miss Jeffreys* cry out, fire and murder, and I went into the court, and *Miss Jeffreys* was at the chamber window, crying, there was rogues and thieves in the house, and they had set the house on fire. I saw *John Swan* open the door in his shirt: this was about three o'clock in the morning. And *Miss Jeffreys* desir'd him to get a ladder, for there were rogues in the house. And I having nothing to defend my self, went to get a bill as well as a ladder. My house is about thirty yards from Mr. *Jeffreys*, and her window was the same side as the door, next to that over the door. *John Dyer* and *Richard Clark* were there also. The maid was in the Court-yard.

*Jeffery Mead Sworn.*

*Mead.* I came into the street about seven in the morning, and was met by several neighbours; I proceeded on, and went into the house, and looked about to see whether I could find any marks of the doors or windows being broke open, where persons might enter the house, and saw a bar of a window at the back-door bent, and the lead as regularly untwisted in the inside, as if done by a glazier. I apprehend it was done by some of the family.

I desir'd *John Swan* to give me some rakes, and threw me the ponds about the place



Place that we might make a search, and he got two rakes, and sent for three men to search, and in searching they found a new sack with some pewter and brass in it. When miss *Jeffreys* was apprehended, she said, I hope you won't use me ill, for I gave mr. *Smart* a 500 l. bank note that day. And, said she, to let all the world know that mr. *Jeffreys* did not lose his life to wrong mr. *Martin's* children, she put her hand into her bosom, and pull'd out a 100 l. bank-note, and said, here mrs. *Martin*, I give you this for you and your children, and made her a present thereof: this was as she was getting into the coach.

Mr. *Gallant* Sworn.

*Court.* Mr. *Gallant* do you remember the time mr. *Jeffreys* was murder'd?

*Gallant.* Yes, my lord, as soon as I could dress my self I went to the house and a great many persons were there.

*Court.* Did you remember miss's taking any particular care about the box of writings in mr. *Jeffreys's* room?

*Gallant.* Yes, about an hour and a half after I came, she called to mrs. *Buckle*, and told her to go into mr. *Jeffreys's* room; take the box of writings; carry them into her room, and lock up the room, and give her the key.

*Sarah Arnold* being called again, was asked, where her master's will was kept, she answer'd, in a little box on the iron chest, in her master's room, by his bedside; that the box was there when she first went into the room, and that she was sure the will was kept in that box.

*Richard Clarke* Sworn.

*Court.* Was you at mr. *Jeffreys's* house the morning he was murder'd?

*Clarke.* Yes, my lord, and heard the outcry, murder, fire, thieves. I live about fifty yards from mr. *Jeffreys's* house; I saw miss at the window over the door, and *Swan* in the court. Miss said, make all the haste possible you can, for there are thieves in the house, and I am afraid

my uncle is murdered: this was about two or three in the morning; and *Swan* was in his shirt. *Swan* said to me, he believ'd they got in at the window, and out at the door backwards, for they were both open.

I examin'd the windows and door, and found nothing broke, nor any strain; nor no track of feet in the garden, tho' 'twas a wet dewy morning.

*Court.* Do you know the pond where the sick was found?

*Clark.* There is a fence at both sides of the pond.

*Court.* Had you any conversation with *Swan*, and what was it?

*Clark.* About a quarter of a Year before the murder happened, he called on me to take a walk, and fetch a horse out of the marsh; coming back by my lord *Castlemain's*, he asked me, if I was a hearty man, sufficient to shoot any thing: I told him, I was no sportsman, and could not shoot well; he said, if I was, he could help me to 50 l. and a horse to ride on.

*John Gall* Sworn.

*Gall.* Hearing a bad accident had happened to mr. *Jeffreys*, I asked how is it the gentleman is shot: mr. *Tipping* the apothecary and I went into the house, and was in the room close to mr. *Jeffreys*, and I said, my dear sir I am sorry to see this; if you think you know who did the murder hold up your hand; with that he held up his left hand; he was dabbing his wounds with his handkerchief, but as soon as this was mentioned of holding up his hand, he dropt his handkerchief and held up his hand.

*The Prisoner's Defence.*

*Court.* You have heard what has been charged against you, now is your Time to make your Defence. *John Swan*, have you any Witness to call?

*Swan, Prisoner.* Yes.

*Elizabeth Jeffreys, Prisoner.* I conclude most of them are perjured. I will leave my Cause to be pleaded by the Counsel.

*Eliz.*

*Elizabeth Diaper sworn.*

*Diaper.* I lived a few Yards from Mr. *Jeffreys*, and do remember when he was murdered. Between two and three o'Clock in the Morning I heard a Voice calling out *Diaper, Diaper*; on which I then jumped out of Bed, opened the Window, and saw Miss *Jeffreys* calling out, there are Rogues in the House. I was undressed, and in my Shift: I took my Gown, and said, I am coming as fast as I can. They were still crying out, Fire and Thieves. The Maid was at the Window at the same Time.

*This Witness fainted in the Court, and so was obliged to be carried out, and her Husband, John Diaper, was sworn.*

*John Diaper.* I live about fifteen Yards from the House, heard the Alarm of Miss *Jeffreys* crying out Fire, Murder, and Thieves, and I made haste and observed Miss *Jeffreys* getting out of the Window, about half out. This was before I went down Stairs. When I got there I found her much frightened; and after I came there I saw *John Swan* open the Door. I went into the House, and found the Back-door open, the Window open, and then found the Gates all open, four Gates southwardly in the Garden all open. Then I proceeded to the Pantry, and there I found a Hoe. I observ'd no Track of Feet on the Dew which was then on the Ground, though I tried up and down. *Swan* seemed very much frightened, and wished he had died before his Master. I went into the Room where Mr. *Jeffreys* was, and observed some Marks of Blood on the Stairs. I saw Marks of Blood on the Banisters and the Stairs a Month afterwards. I always observed Miss was tender of her Uncle when sick, and never knew but that they lived comfortably together. There might be a Word now and then, but it was soon made up.

Mrs. *Diaper* having recovered herself, was brought again into Court, and de-

posed, that she saw Miss *Jeffreys* in her Shift, and Mrs. *Buckle* by her; and that this Deponent said to Miss, Lord, Miss, how did you get out; and she said, out of the Window?

For God's Sake, said Miss, see where my Uncle is, and *Joe Martin*. *John Swan* came out undrest. Miss was at her Door, and her Shift had no Blood upon it, nor Marks, nor Stains. It was foul, and she might have wore it two or three Days.

*Miss Jeffreys fainted away at this Time, and continued under Convulsions for near 40 Minutes, during this Evidence.*

This Deponent farther said, that the Maid opened her Master's Window, and cried out, Thieves, Rogues; the Rogues have opened my Master's Door, and cut my Master's Throat from Ear to Ear. As soon as I came to the Door I desired the maid to go and get the child down, which she did, and left it at Mrs. *Martin's* Door; when I came into Mr. *Jeffreys's* Room, I found him murdered, and the blood ran across his Throat. I generally nursed him in his illness, and observed Miss very kind to him. And I have known that *John Swan* has fetched Mr. *Jeffreys* home often from *Chelsea*, the Forest and elsewhere at all hours,

Being cross-examined, she said the Window was directly over the Door, and had a Casement; that it is a Window a Person could get out of, and that Miss had got out of the Window many a time; that she saw the Wounds bleeding, and the blood was warm, and that there were Marks of Blood on the Banisters on the right hand side going down; that she saw them all stript to their shirts and shifts and not a spot of blood upon them.

*William Davis, sworn.*

*Davis.* I live near Mr. *Jeffreys*, and heard Miss crying out, for God's sake bring a Ladder; and when the door was opened she said, Go and see for my Uncle for



for I believe the Rogues have killed him. I went up stairs, saw Mr. *Jeffreys* lying in his bed ; he blowed his nose with his handkerchief. I observed some blood on the banisters and the stairs ; when I came down stairs, she order'd us to go and search all about for the rogues, if fifty of us went she would pay them. She seemed to be a little matter frightened. *John Swan* was very ready to assist us with rakes to search in the Pond.

Mary Buckle, *sworn*.

*Buckle*. I live in the Court where Mr. *Jeffreys* was murdered. *Wednesday* morning between two and three o'clock, I heard a Calling out, *I am afraid the house is on fire*. When I came into the Court, Miss *Jeffreys* was falling from the window. I asked the reason of it. She said she was in a Dream when she heard the Outcry in the house. She said, Don't mind me, go seek after my Uncle, she was in a real fright and concern ; her Shift was not clean and no Blood upon it ; that Miss said, she heard some men run down stairs, and that they said, Damnation to the old Rogue, they had done all the mischief they could, and now they would go down and set the house on fire, which forced her out of the Window.

Katharine Griffis, *sworn*.

*Griffis*. I heard the alarm ; and when Miss *Jeffreys* came into the room, she said, Dear Uncle, if you can speak, speak to me ; if you know me, make motions, and he made none ; that he died at eight or nine in the Evening ; that Miss *Jeffreys* was in the Room and believes he was sensible at that time ; she asked him whether he knew her, and he squeez'd her by the hand.

Robert Clifton, *sworn*.

*Clifton*. I have known Mr. *Jeffreys* many years, was his Apothecary, was with him the day before he was murdered until the Evening. *John Swan* came to me about Ten in the morning, desired me to make all the haste I could, for he feared his master was murdered ; and Miss *Jeffreys* asked if any help could be

had in *London*, if there was, she desired he might have it ; that a Surgeon that was there imagined he might be dead before any help could come. I really believe the hand that discharged the Pistol must be wounded by the bursting of it, and *John Swan* was not wounded, and therefore I think he did not discharge the Pistol. I have taken Mr. *Jeffreys* out, at the request of Miss, which was, that she might receive a visit, or go and see a friend.

Being cross-examined, he said, if *John Swan* was inclined to do his master a mischief, he had many better opportunities, as there was many a dark night when he came home with him ; that his horse once went into a Pond, and he fell off his horse's neck, and *Swan* saved him, and he always exprest a satisfaction in *Swan* who saved him. That Miss behaved as a dutiful child, and thinks she had no hand in the murder.

The Counsel for the Crown then observ'd, That the pistol being along one, which appeared from the length of the rammer, (which was produced, as also the shattered remains of the pistol) and that part where the lock was fixed was entire, that consequently the hand that discharged it might not be hurt. That at the time he came to see Mr. *Jeffreys*, he told Mr. *Forbes*, That it was done by some of the Family. To which Mr. *Clifton* now replied, that he might say so thro' surprize, but that he had no suspicion of any person in the house at that Time.

*Court*. Was you not with Miss *Jeffreys* this morning before six, and did you not receive a sum of money of her ?

*Clifton*. I never received any money from her.

*Court*. Was there not either twenty Pounds or twenty Guineas, that you received of her this morning, or the last night ?

*Clifton*. My Son told me he had a twenty Pound Note, in part for Goods delivered to her. I never applied to her for this Money. And nothing past directly

really or indirectly, that I would not come into Court unless the Money was paid.

*Ann Clifton.* Sworn.

*Clifton.* I went into Mr. *Jeffreys's* back Gates, about Four o'Clock, and saw Miss *Jeffreys* in the Garden, and I went into the House, and saw Mrs. *Martin*, who said she had lost the best Friend in the World; and I said I thought so too. That that Day Mr. *Jeffreys* intended to alter his will, and to have provided for her Family.

*Francis Gasbold.* Sworn.

*Gasbold.* I was well acquainted with the Deceased, and have often, at Miss *Jeffreys's* request, taken him abroad, that so she might go to the boarding school, or take a walk.

*William Fellows* and *Nathaniel Lidyard*, deposed much the same particulars.

*Sir Samuel Gower.* Sworn.

*Sir Samuel Gower.* *Matthews* was brought before me, and was examined, and I committed him to *Bridewell*, on Suspicion of being concerned in some Robbery. He was examined four or five Times before me, and Mr. *Bateman*, and Mr. *Quarrel*. He gave different Accounts on his Examinations. I told him, I could not put Confidence in his Evidence, he prevaricated so much. I did suffer him to sign one or two of his Examinations. And when we said any Thing of the Fact of murdering Mr. *Jeffreys*, he always said he was hired to do it, and was offered Money. I asked him, why he did not make this Discovery sooner, and then he might have appeared like an honest Man, and saved his Master's Life; and he told me, he could not tell how to go about it. He was brought before me by Mr. *Gall*, upon my own Warrant, and I looked on him as a Criminal.

*Mr. Quarrel.* Sworn.

*Mr. Quarrell.* I was present when *Matthews* was before Sir *Samuel Gower*, some Time in *November* last; he differed in the latter Part of his Account; but as to his saying he was hired, he kept to that all the Time of his Examination; I did only hear the latter Part of it; upon observing some Hurt he had in his Hand,

he said, he received it by a Rope in the Ship.

*James Warriner.* Sworn.

*Warriner.* On *Matthews's* second Examination, he said, he knew nothing at all of the murder, nor did he ever hear of it until he was taken; and at his second Examination, he contradicted himself, and said, that what he said before was a Lye. I was desired to go into another Room to take his Confession, which he did, and signed with his mark; and he confessed, that he was hired, to have 700*l.* for the murder.

The Prisoners at the Bar making no farther Defence, nor speaking one Word in their own Behalf. The Judge particularly summed up the Evidence to the Jury, and in the Conclusion of it observed, that tho' the principal Evidence, might be represented as to prevaricate in some Particulars, yet when that Evidence which he gave in the present Case was corroborated by so many other strong Evidences all supporting it, it could not be disputed. After he had concluded, the Jury retired and stayed about an Hour, and brought in their Verdict, both *John Swan* and *Elizabeth Jeffry*, Guilty

### Death.

The Trial continued from about Six in the morning until One the next morning. When *Elizabeth Jeffreys* came to the Bar, she was indulged the Liberty of a Chair to sit on; and during the whole Time she sat very sullen, and seemed but little affected until the Jury brought in their Verdict, and then she began to weep. When she spoke, it was with an Air of Undauntedness. *John Swan* appeared from the Beginning to the End of his Trial wholly unconcerned, and seemed perfectly undaunted without the least Sign of Remorse.

The Council for the crown were Mr. *Lacey*, Mr. *Hervey*, Mr. *Bertie*, Mr. *Hatfield*, Mr. *Cox*, and Mr. *Gascoyne*. And for the Prisoner, Mr. *Robinson*, and Mr. *Knowler*.





